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## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

#### NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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# LEGISLATIVE BILL 25

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Committee: Transportation

## A BILL

- FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-311.14,
  Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
  provisions relating to license plates issued to
  handicapped or disabled persons; and to repeal the
  original section.
- Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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Section 1. Section 60-311.14, Reissue Revised Statutes

- 2 of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 3 60-311.14. (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall,
- 4 without the payment of any fee except the taxes and fees required
- 5 by sections 60-311, 60-3002, and 60-3007, issue license plates for
- 6 one motor vehicle not used for hire to any handicapped or disabled
- 7 person as defined in section 18-1738 or his or her parent, legal
- 8 guardian, foster parent, or agent upon application and proof of
- 9 handicap or disability. The license plates shall carry the
- 10 internationally accepted wheelchair symbol, which symbol is a
- 11 representation of a person seated in a wheelchair surrounded by a
- 12 border six units wide by seven units high, and such other letters
- 13 or numbers as the Director of Motor Vehicles prescribes. Such
- 14 plates shall be used by such person in lieu of the usual license
- 15 plates.
- 16 (2) The license plates issued pursuant to this section
- 17 shall be issued and renewed as provided in sections 60-310 and
- 18 60-311, except that when new plates are issued pursuant to
- 19 subsection (2) of section 60-311, proof of handicap or disability
- 20 must be presented to the department. In years when the department
- 21 issues renewal tabs, registrants shall apply to the county and no
- 22 proof of handicap or disability shall be required. If a
- 23 handicapped or disabled person dies or ceases to be eligible for
- 24 the plates, the license plates issued for that person shall expire
- 25 and shall be returned to the department.
- 26 (3) Thirty days before the beginning of the month in
- 27 which the registration expires in a year that new plates are
- 28 issued, the department shall send by first-class mail to the

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1 registrant, at his or her most recent address in the department

- 2 records, an application for renewal and a medical form with
- 3 instructions about how to complete the renewal process and how to
- 4 provide proof of handicap or disability.
- 5 (4) The fees and taxes for original and renewal license
- 6 plates issued pursuant to this section shall be the same as
- 7 provided in sections 60-302, 60-310, 60-311, 60-3002, and 60-3007.
- 8 (5) For purposes of issuance and renewal, proof of
- 9 handicap or disability shall be shown by a completed medical form
- 10 containing the statutory criteria for qualification and signed by a
- 11 physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner certifying
- 12 that the individual meets the definition of handicapped or disabled
- 13 person. If the applicant is the parent, legal guardian, foster
- 14 parent, or agent of the handicapped or disabled person, the
- 15 application shall include a signed statement that the handicapped
- or disabled person depends on the applicant for transportation.
- 17 Sec. 2. Original section 60-311.14, Reissue Revised
- 18 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.